

and seedlings of small fruits, which were greatly enjoyed, and many pronounced "excellent" by everyone.

This done, the party re-assembled at Professor Saunders's house, where refreshments had been generously prepared by Mrs. Saunders. A very pleasant and social hour was then spent by all, after which a series of addresses was given, in the course of which the aims and purposes of the farm, its horticultural, botanical and entomological, as well as geological aspects were considered.

Professor Saunders being called upon, said that it was not a difficult task for him to speak about the farm when he was surrounded on every hand by so many interesting objects. He referred to the progress made in every department of the work, and indicated many ways in which the Experimental Farms were being made practically useful to agriculture in Canada. Referring to the club's visit last year and the warm reception which greeted them at the hands of the mosquitoes on that occasion, Mr. Saunders recalled to mind the ignominious retreat of some of the naturalists, caused by the violent onslaught of vast multitudes of those fearless, winged creatures. There was then a thirty-eight acre swamp in the southwestern portion of the farm where no drainage system existed, and where from one to two feet of water lay over the greater part of the surface of that area all the year round—a perfect paradise and breeding ground for mosquitoes. On the farm to-day there are already six miles of main drains through the swamp, and now we can sit in peace without being disturbed by the melody of these swamp-dwellers. The work on the farm is many-sided. The old snake fences with the boulders alongside have been done away with; the large boulders which strewed the fields and covered a large area of land have been blown up with dynamite and the fragments utilized as road-metal; many of them contained rare and interesting fossils. Several roads have been built, consisting of the large boulders at the bottom, smaller ones above, broken macadam above that, and the Leda clays found on the farm capping all. These roads are dry and substantially built, and will be a permanent benefit to the farm. Several buildings have been built since last year, including a large barn, probably the finest barn in the Dominion, and five houses for the staff. Besides this work there were 150 acres of stumpy land, covered with